

Harold A. Lett
Anti-Bias Official
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Mr. Lett was born in Adrian, Mich., January 8, 1896. He was graduated from Cass Lake (Minn.) High School in 1915. He then attended Michigan State College, where he specialized in sociology, statistics and psychology. He also took courses at Rutgers University. At high school he played baseball and basketball, and for several years after leaving college played semi-pro baseball.

After leaving college Mr. Lett held a secretarial position in

Lansing, Mich., four years before becoming a correspondent in the Michigan Department of State. In 1924 he was named deputy director of the Bureau of Negro Welfare and Statistics for Michigan, remaining in that post until 1928. He then was statistician for the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry a year before becoming industrial secretary of the Pittsburgh Urban League. He left the Pittsburgh job in March, 1934, upon being named executive secretary of the New Jersey Urban League. His work as a statistician was listed in the 1928 International Labor Year Book published by the Labor Bureau of the League of Nations.

Mr. Lett was named to the Newark Housing Authority in April, 1938, and a year later was appointed for a five-year term. In February, 1939, he was named to the public ~~relations~~ committee of the National Association of Housing Officials. In July, 1945, he was named chief aide to the assistant commissioner of education in conducting the ~~state's~~ state's new Division Against Discrimination. He quit the Urban League post in the Fall of 1945 when a successor had been chosen.

Mr. Lett in 1938 divorced his first wife, whom he had married in Lansing, Mich., in 1916. In April, 1940, he married Miss Alene Simkins, who was associated with him in Newark housing affairs.

